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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE

REFERENCES: (A) STATE 51347, (B) STATE 81481

1. ON APRIL 7 FRENCH EMBASSY PROVIDED REPLY FROM FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF MARCH 27 CONCERNING AN EARLY EXPLORATORY MEETING OF NUCLEAR SUPPLIER COUNTRIES. MESSAGE STATED THAT FRANCE IS WILLING TO ATTEND SUCH A MEETING UPON RECEIPT OF ASSURANCES FROM U.S. CONCERNING CERTAIN SUBSTANTIVE AND SECRET

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PROCEDURAL POINTS:

A) THAT FRENCH POSITIONS OUTLINED IN THEIR PAPER OF FEBRUARY 28 (REF A) REPRESENT "LIMIT OF THEIR POSSIBILITIES" AND THAT US DELEGATION WILL TAKE THIS FACT FULLY INTO ACCOUNT;

B) THAT US AGREES THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO INSTITUTION CREATED TO ENFORCE DECISIONS WHICH MAY BE MADE IN A MULTILATERAL CONFERENCE;

C) THAT DECISIONS WILL BE BY COMMON AGREEMENT AND NON-RETROACTIVE;

D) THAT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCEPTIONS TO COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN;

E) THAT THE TALKS WILL BE INFORMAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

2. ON MARCH 8, DEPARTMENT BRIEFED UK EMBASSY ON FRENCH MESSAGE. WE GAVE BRITISH FULL ACCOUNT OF THE ASSURANCES WHICH FRENCH HAVE ASKED FOR AND SAID WE WILL BE PROVIDING FRENCH WITH ASSURANCES ALONG THE LINES THEY HAVE REQUESTED. OUR RESPONSE WILL NOTE THAT WHILE THE US ACKNOWLEDGES THE FRENCH POSITIONS AND WILL TAKE THEM FULLY INTO ACCOUNT, THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES WILL OF COURSE WISH TO ADVANCE THEIR OWN POSITIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND JOINT CONSIDERATION IN A MULTILATERAL CONTEXT. WHILE WE CANNOT COMMIT OTHER PARTICIPANTS TO AGREE WITH FRENCH POSITIONS, WE WILL SUPPORT THEIR VIEW THAT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY MUTUAL ACCORD, NOT CONFRONTATION. WE BELIEVED THIS ASSURANCE SHOULD SATISFY FRENCH DESIRE NOT TO BE ISOLATED AND SUBJECT TO UNDUE PRESSURE. WE ALSO BELIEVED U.S. COULD PROVIDE SATISFACTORY ASSURANCES ON REMAINING FRENCH POINTS, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD TRY TO MAINTAIN SOME FLEXIBILITY ON QUESTION OF RETROACTIVITY. WE ASKED IF UK WOULD BE WILLING TO HOST EXPLORATORY MEETING IN LONDON ON APRIL 23-24, AND HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED AFFIRMATIVE REPLY. WE SUGGESTED, IF AGREEABLE TO OTHERS, THAT REPRESENTATION AT MEETING MIGHT CONSIST OF TWO PEOPLE WITH POLITICAL/TECHNICAL EXPERTISE (PLUS  
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ADDITIONAL ADVISORY STAFFS IN BACKGROUND IF DESIRED) FOR EACH COUNTRY, AND THAT WE WOULD ENVISAGE THAT OUR TEAM WOULD BE HEADED BY SOMEONE AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL. FINALLY, WE SAID THAT WE WOULD BE CONTACTING OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO ADVISE THEM OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND TO PROPOSE EXPLORATORY MEETING ON APRIL 23.

3. ON APRIL 9, WE GAVE SIMILAR BRIEFING TO FRG AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES, AND ASKED THEM TO OBTAIN ON URGENT BASIS VIEWS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON EARLY EXPLORATORY MEETING. THESE COUNTRIES WERE INFORMED THAT UK HAS AGREED TO HOST SUCH A MEETING IN LONDON ON APRIL 23, AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM DIRECTLY CONCERNING SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED FRENCH EMBASSY OF UK WILLINGNESS TO HOST MEETING ON APRIL 23. WE WILL RESPOND TO FRENCH POINTS IN PARA 1 ABOVE ALONG LINES PARA 3 IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

5. CANADIANS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THRUST OF FRENCH RESPONSE AND WILL BE GIVEN BRIEFING PARALLEL TO THAT PROVIDED FRG AND JAPAN IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. SEPARATE TELEGRAM (REF B) PROVIDES INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPROACH TO SOVIETS.

6. ABOVE INFORMATION IS FOR BACKGROUND ONLY, AND YOU SHOULD NOT INITIATE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS. KISSINGER

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